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■ **SPORTS**

Former Red Hawk wins provincial curling crown

TERRANCE GAVAN

Staff reporter

Former Haliburton High curler and Minden resident Jake Walker is hurrying hard to a date with destiny.

His foursome won the Ontario junior curling championship with a convincing 7-1 victory over Mat Camm's Navan foursome in the provincial final played at the Teeswater Curling Club last Wednesday afternoon.

Walker is curling out of Kitchener's Westmount Golf and Country Club, and taking a full load of five engineering courses at the University of Waterloo. Curling has suddenly slid into the forefront of his busy, busy life. It'll be brooms over books for the next two weeks leading up to the Canadian junior championships.

Reached by phone last Thursday evening, Walker was simply ecstatic about the win and his team's impending trip to the Canadian Junior National curling championships being held in Sorel-Tracy, Que. from Jan. 16-24.

"It's huge for me because this is my last year in junior," says Walker. "So for me to make it to nationals it's a great accomplishment."

Walker also skipped his team to the Toronto Curling Association (TCA) junior championship over the winter

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TERRANCE GAVAN/Echo



Local carves his way to snowboarding win

Sir Sam's Ski Area hosted the first AOS boarder cross event of the season last weekend. Above, Kaden Arseneay (171) cranks into the lead in the men's open event. Sir Sam's instructor Scott Fennell took the Masters Snowboard event. See more pictures on page 22.

■ **COURT**

Trial set for accused squatters

JENN WATT

Editor

The six people charged with occupying someone else's cottage on Kennisis Lake Road in November appeared in Ontario court of justice in Minden Wednesday to set a trial date.

Their legal aid duty counsel, Mark Christie, told the court that the group would be arguing their right to the property as "sons and heirs of God" and that they disputed none of the Crown's evidence against them.

It is alleged that Victor Beck of Campbellford, Yakim Belair of Laval, Ont., William Russ of St. Catharines, Ont., Diann Turkington of Ridgeway, Ont., Doug

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FIELD NATURALISTS

Free membership to anyone under 30!

The Haliburton Highlands Field Naturalists will be leading their annual snowshoe outing this coming Saturday, Jan. 16 at 10 a.m. from the Parish Line.

Not only is this outing free, and open to interested members of the general public, but the club has adopted a bold new strategy to welcome a younger demographic into the membership: The usual fee of \$24 will be waived to any new members under 30, signing up this season.

As a member, you'll receive free admittance to our regular meetings, which offer entertaining and informative programs on a variety of topics in the realm of nature.

You'll receive a newsletter and invitations to seasonal outings in the company of knowledgeable friendly folks. And you'll be invited to help shape the future endeavours of the club.

If snow conditions are favourable this Saturday, we should be able to identify quite a variety of tracks. Bring a thermos and snack to keep up your strength on the fairly rugged trails, and a bag lunch to enjoy inside a vintage log house afterwards.

For further details please call Pamela at 457-4767.

BRIEFS

Clothes catch on fire at Haliburton laundromat

The Dysart fire department was called to the Haliburton laundromat at approximately 5:24 p.m. on Jan. 6 due to a fire caused by a faulty dryer. The clothes in the dryer at the time caught on fire, filling the building with smoke. The clothes were removed and a fan was used to clear the smoke out of the building. No injuries were reported.

Backhoe stolen in Irondale

Officers from the Haliburton OPP detachment were notified of a stolen backhoe on Jan. 6. An investigation revealed that sometime during the night a 1985 Case four-wheel drive yellow backhoe was stolen from a residence in the Irondale area. An investigation is ensuing.

Duchene named NHL rookie of the month for December

TERRANCE GAVAN

Staff reporter

Haliburton's hurricane, Matt Duchene was named the National Hockey League's rookie of the month for December on the basis of his freshman class-leading 13 points (five goals and eight assists) in 14 December games with the Colorado Avalanche.

The Avs website reports that Duchene narrowly nudged Anaheim Ducks right wing Dan Sexton (6-5-11), New Jersey Devils right wing Nicklas Bergfors (7-3-10), Avalanche left wing T.J. Galiardi (3-5-8),

Buffalo Sabres defenseman Tyler Myers (0-8-8) and Detroit Red Wings goaltender Jimmy Howard (6-4-1, 1.90 goals-against average) for the award.

Correction

Due to incorrect information quoted to the *Echo*, last week's article titled "Greater demand for food banks this Christmas" should have read 257 vouchers were given last year by the food bank, and not 157 vouchers.

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All Minden pass-holders and ticket purchasers will easily be accommodated at the Northern Lights Pavilion, located at the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School.

Tickets at the door are \$8.00 each.
 Regular showings will resume in the Beaver Theatre once the building has been cleared by the appropriate authorities.

To thank you for your patience, and in consideration for any inconvenience this change of venue may cause, the owner of the Beaver Theatre, **Ludu Martin**, has invited us to show a bonus film for each date missed.

For further information about the titles, dates and times of the bonus films please watch local newspapers or check haliburton-movies.com or www.beavertheatre.ca

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The Highlands Weekender

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Minden Fringe Festival looking for proposals

The Minden Fringe has played to sell-out audiences at Wintergreen the last two seasons and enters season three in August, 2010 with plans to expand venues. We're looking for theatrical performances within the following guidelines:

- the call is inclusive, for "theatrical performances"
- we are open to fringe skills: "surprise us"
- works may be original, but don't need to be
- they may or may not have been previously produced
- it is not required that musicians live/work in

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This week's Weekender:

- Playing bridge in Haliburton
- Beth Tuck's Smart Money column
- Bessie's Books: More and more DVDs
- Minden Fringe Festival looking for proposals
- Cards scores, bowling scores

RESCUE

A New Year's Eve to remember

Snowmobiler reflects on near-death experience

ANGELICA BLENICH

Staff reporter

Troy Martin is praying that his mother didn't pay attention to the news surrounding Haliburton County during the weekend of New Year's Eve. He's hoping the news, which included an item of particular interest regarding a snowmobiler falling through the ice on Drag Lake, never makes it's way back to his hometown of Milton, or his parents, without giving him a chance to explain himself.

"I haven't told them what happened yet," laughs Martin. "I'm nervous to tell them. Maybe this article will be a nice way of breaking it to them gently."

What Martin is referring to is a joyful snowmobile jaunt that he partook in on New Year's Eve across Drag Lake. What was intended to be a blissful, albeit quick, run across the lake, while staying at a friend's cottage, turned into a weekend that would stay with him for a long time.

After venturing out alone on his snowmobile, Martin's misjudgment of the ice thickness over the lake landed him in cold water at approximately noon on Dec. 31.

"Where my buddy's cottage is the ice was six inches thick," explained Martin. "I thought the whole lake should be somewhere near there, but nope."

An avid snowmobiler, the accident was something

"I just realized I couldn't do it anymore. Everything was stopping and I was freezing. I did what everyone always tell you to do, and that's not to panic."

Troy Martin

Martin never saw coming.

"It happened very quickly too," says Martin. "I went through about two minutes after I left. I was going about 130 km/h, so I thought there was no way I was going to crash through the ice."

After managing to get himself up on the ice, Martin then used his fingers to whistle as loudly as he could, indicating he was in need of some serious help. Thanks to the assistance of a cottager with stellar hearing from the other side of the lake, the Dysart fire department got the call and responded with 12 firefighters.

"Yeah, they were a big help," says Martin, in what appears to be an extremely grateful tone. "Oh my God."

After commandeering a boat from the shore, the department was able to get Martin out quickly and safely.



Troy Martin, age 20, says his accident on Drag Lake on New Year's Eve was the first time he and his snowmobile ever went through the ice. He also plans to make it the last. /Photo submitted by Andrea Adams.

The incident, which was Martin's first time ever going into a lake, can only be described as a weird experience.

"It's more like [you're thinking] get the hell out because if you don't, you're going to freeze to death," explains Martin. "You try to scramble so fast to try and get out of the water and onto the ice. If it keeps breaking you just keep going and going. Once you're on the ice you ask yourself if you can make it [to shore], or if you should just stay where you are and try and get some help."

After getting himself out of the water, which took about two or three minutes Martin figures, he attempt-

ed the first option. He soon realized getting to shore was not in his realm of possibilities.

"I just realized I couldn't do it anymore," he says. "Everything was stopping and I was freezing. And fortunately I did what everyone always tells you to do, and that's not to panic."

After being rescued on the ice, Martin was taken to Haliburton hospital suffering from hypothermia. Now, nearly a week after the accident, the only thing still recuperating is his snowmobile.

"I've been so busy fixing my machine over the past few days," laughs Martin, an apprentice mechanic who has been handling most of the repairs himself.

The damage, to both his machine and his bruised ego, won't be holding Martin back from getting out on his snowmobile anytime soon.

"I'm right into it," says Martin about his love for snowmobiling. "I can't wait for the snow. I'll definitely go out again, but I'll make sure I call the locals first, to ask what condition the ice is in. After I went through, a lot of the locals were telling me the lake was open just two days prior to my accident."

Asked if the thought of death ever crossed his mind during the entire episode, Martin responds with an answer no mother ever wants to hear.

"Oh yeah," he says, in a serious tone. "Because I was crawling across the ice, it [the ice] started to crack again. At that point I thought to myself that if I fall in again, there was no way I was going to be able to get myself out. I had no energy."

Fortunately for Martin, and his mother, his survival skills allowed him to live to tell the story and be grateful for what happened.

"My mother will remind me of this 50 years down the road," he laughs. "At least I'm around to talk about it."



Troy Martin stands in front of the spot where his snowmobile plunged through the thin ice on Drag Lake on Dec. 31. /Photo submitted



Huckleberry, seen on the left, was an abused dog who was found at the Bancroft shelter suffering from two bullet wounds and pneumonia. He, like many other cats and dogs, is available for adoption through HART.
/Submitted photo

ANIMAL ADOPTION

Lots of heart at HART in spite of swelling numbers of rescues

TERRANCE GAVAN

Staff reporter

Meet Huckleberry. He's a hound. A hunting dog that will never hunt again.

Don't worry. Huckleberry doesn't want to hunt.

Too many bullets. Too much noise.

He prefers his life today, absorbed deeply in the warm arms of a loving foster family in cottage country.

If Huckleberry was born in Texas, where the slogan "that dog won't hunt" is an everyday pejorative for utter uselessness, Huckleberry would be pushing – instead of lifting his leg on – daisies today.

Thankfully for Huckleberry he was born in the Great White North, where daisies are seldom seen, and "canine euthanasia" is viewed as a pejorative for abject failure of the human heart.

The Highlands Animal Rescue Team (HART) rescued Huckleberry in the summer of 2008.

HART is a tight-knit group of rescuers and foster care personnel who have been dealing with the growing stray and unwanted pet (cats and dogs) population in the Highlands and Bancroft area since they started the not-for-profit organization back in 1995.

In the summer of 2008 Huckleberry was an abused and totally shattered "hunt" dog.

When they found him at the Bancroft pound, he had two bullets lodged in his fractured pelvis, and he was suffering from pneumonia.

The vet addressed his most pressing physical needs, but Huckleberry's distrust and fear of humans remained.

Linda, a director with HART, says that Huckleberry is no different from a lot of dogs that the rescue team has taken in and fostered over the years. (Linda's surname is being withheld at her request to avoid animal drop-offs at her home.)

Huckleberry was resilient, and physically he recovered, but mentally, well, he was a total distressed mess of misfiring canine neurons.

Linda explains that in all cases of canine or feline abuse, the physical wounds heal faster than the long-term mental issues.

"We got him from the Bancroft pound, and he was advertised 'ready to hunt,'" says Linda. "We took him out and he was in foster care for eight months before we were even able to address his fear issues.

"He was afraid of loud noises and he still has a high startle rate, but he's getting better and coping well in his new home."

He's a featured rescue on the HART website – located at hartanimalrelief.ca – and Linda adds that while he spent many months hiding in fear, he now happily greets all visitors to his foster home.

He is also engaging in happy outdoor play with his canine siblings.

There is little doubt Huck was a very abused "hunt" dog, and therefore his progression from fear-based issues has been slow and methodical with many setbacks.

It's a "two paws forward one paw back" ritual of care that HART promotes in all of its foster homes.

And consider this: he was still just a one-year-old pup when he was rescued from the pound with those two bullets lodged in his pelvis.

And no, Huckleberry "won't ever hunt again," still has a dread of loud noises, but thankfully, that's all Huckleberry has to fear today.

Linda says that even if he is not adopted, Huckleberry will never be euthanized. There will always be a place for Huckleberry in the loving care and happy confines of a HART-sponsored foster home.

More marvelous still, says Linda, is Huckleberry's unquenchable capacity for love, even after the most monstrous and hideous abuse suffered at the hands of

an uncaring human.

"The last time I was out there he came out to the door to greet me with the other two dogs in the household," says Linda.

That, says Linda, after a full year spent cowering in another room at the sound of a doorbell or the appearance of a stranger at the door.

"Those are the best dogs," smiles Linda. "They're the most challenging, but the most rewarding when you see the progress that can be made."

And she's confident that Huckleberry will stir a heart out there somewhere.

She says that he and some other rescued animals have been finding it hard to find placement of late, a fact that she says is in part due to the recession and in part due to our location in the heart of an abysmally poor section of Ontario.

Recessionary periods can be hard on the local pet population, says Linda.

And it's especially devastating on the animals when recession pummels an area already gob smacked by low wages, rudimentary seasonal employment opportunities, and a reduced standard of living.

The riding of Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock owns one on the lowest standards of living in Ontario, and Linda says that HART's adoption and intake situations are magnified when the economy drops into freefall.

"Animals are the first to impact and the last to recover," says Linda.

"A slow trend in adoptions is the impact felt by rescuers in this economic recession," says Linda. She added that 66 dogs found families in 2009, through HART's foster and adoption program.

"We live in a low-income area," says Linda, adding that when the economy slows down people have a tendency to consider downsizing and one of those first cutbacks centres around the family pet.

She says that HART attempts to address some of the financial needs by running clinics in the area.

"In 2009 a total of 170 dogs and cats were vaccinated and neutered through HART's subsidy program for low-cost spay and neuter," says Linda. It cost the organization \$10,285, but this program offered to financially challenged families has prevented the births of literally thousands of dogs and cats.

"Sterilization programs such as SNIP relieve the pressure of intake to rescue organizations and shelters [that] are working tirelessly to meet the needs of too many homeless animals," says Linda, who echoes Bob Barker, perhaps the world's biggest pitchman for the timely snip.

Both Bob and Linda would surely also concur with Mahatma Gandhi who once said: "The greatness of a nation and its moral progress can be judged by the way its animals are treated."

The Mahatma gets two big woofs and a long baying howl from the Highlands' own Huckleberry Hound for that pithy reminder.

CHANGES

Echo welcomes new publisher

JENN WATT

Editor

After four years at the helm of the *Haliburton Echo* and *Minden Times*, general manager David Zilstra got a job offer he couldn't refuse; he was asked to run the *Barrie Examiner*, a daily newspaper serving tens of thousands of readers.

Although it meant he would have to leave the Highlands and all of the friends, clubs, and sports, he was up for the challenge.

"I've enjoyed my time here ... getting involved with Rotary and the hospital board," Zilstra said, "[going to Barrie] was a challenge that I wanted to take on at this particular time of my life."

He also said he would miss working with the staff at the *Echo*.

"I thoroughly enjoyed my time at the *Echo* working with all of the talented and dedicated staff. Everyone is very devoted to producing papers and publications week after week with enthusiasm and creativity. ... I will miss everyone at the paper that I worked so closely with for the last four years," he said.

Replacing Zilstra will be an equally involved and tenacious newspaperman, John Bauman, who has spent his entire career in Southwestern Ontario working in Clinton and Kincardine.

"When they asked me to consider moving to Haliburton, it was the perfect situation to move into," Bauman said.

He, his wife Michelle and children Quinn, 9, and Brendon, 15, have found a home in the Highlands. Michelle, a graphic artist, and the kids will arrive after the school year is over.

Besides working in small-town newspapers, Bauman has also been a skating coach for 20 years teaching both figure and power skating. It is something he hopes to continue here.

"The community has been very friendly. I've been welcomed by everyone I've met," he said.

Like Zilstra, Bauman is an active Rotary Club member and has been accepted into the Haliburton branch.

He said he's excited to embrace the Highlands winter sports such as hockey, downhill skiing and ice fishing. Zilstra said his wife, Marie, will continue working as a teacher at Stuart Baker Elementary School and they will keep living in West Guilford.



Former *Echo* general manager David Zilstra, left, passes the torch and the paper to John Bauman.

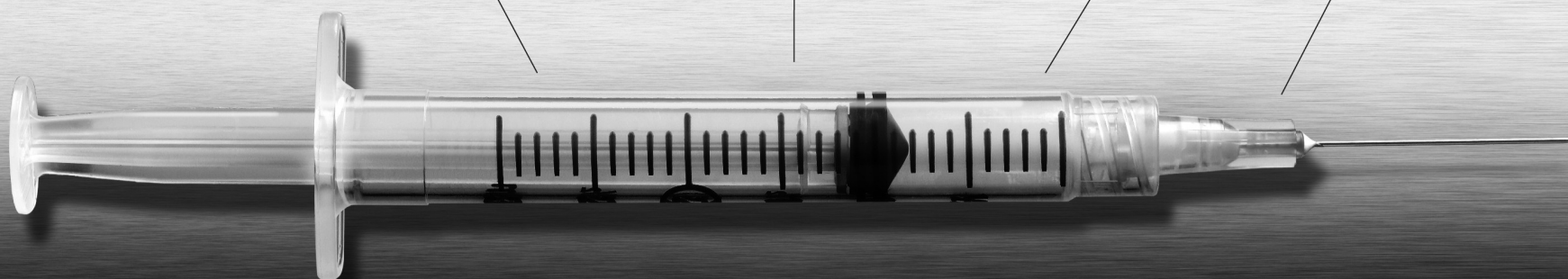
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Goodbye Dawson

DAWSON HAMILTON, the Archie Stouffer Elementary School kid who has battled cancer and then the side effects of treatment for much of his life, passed away Sunday morning at Sick Kids Hospital in Toronto.

Over the years, Dawson came to stand for the triumph of the human spirit over illness and allowed his struggle to be a public one. He often appeared on stage at cancer fundraisers, was interviewed by local media and was the subject of community members' prayers.

We are all more for having known Dawson. Thank you to his father Scot and brother Tanner for sharing his limited time with us all.

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Getting their day in court

The trial for the six people accused of unlawfully occupying someone's vacant cottage in November will come quickly. The date is set for Jan. 20 – just two months and 10 days after their arrest.

For four hours before the group appeared before the judge Wednesday, various accused people appeared for the fourth, fifth ... twelfth time in a year in a justice system that seems to putter along on an entirely different time system from our own.

So-and-so appeared to receive his disclosure (an envelope with the case against him), and what's-her-face was there to stand before the judge, knees shaking, in order to get the next appearance date.

Almost everyone there was appearing on a relatively minor charge. One young guy was accused of shooting paintballs at someone's truck, another of drying large amounts of marijuana in his parents' house for sale later.

Not very nice things, but pretty much what you'd expect at the Minden courthouse.

In this context, the six accused of squatting offered a glimpse of an entirely different world.

Unlike others appearing that day, they were not interested in having more time to prepare. They did not dispute allegations from the Crown. They weren't even interested in calling witnesses. They just wanted their chance to confront the justice system that so offends their belief system, which maintains that everything in the world belongs to every person by divine right from God.

So they will get their speedy trial, scheduled for one day in about a week's time, and they will likely argue their freedom of religion was violated by a society that puts a price on everything.

And when the trial ends, no matter what the judge's decision, they will have achieved what they wanted: a chance to challenge the capitalist system in the courts with plenty of public attention.



Head Lake Park

Photo by Tim Tofflemire, www.toffphoto.ca

The right call

DESPITE WHAT MY EX-WIFE SAYS, there are many good reasons why a father should advise his son to practice with the duck call he gave him at Christmas, at the crack of dawn each morning.

For one thing, early morning is typically the time when ducks are most active. And let's not forget that there's nothing like blowing on a duck call the first thing in the morning, to make a person feel truly alive.

Lastly, this simple exercise teaches you to be calm under fire. Heck, if you can call through a whole highball, come back and feeding chuckle sequence when your mother is yelling at you and questioning your immediate ancestry, you'll be ready for any of the lesser threats – like incoming artillery – you might face later in life.

So, you see, it actually had very little to do with the fact that his bedroom is next door to hers.

"He's practicing every morning then?" I asked, thrilled at the prospect.

"You knew he would," she snapped.

Something in her tone of voice told me that I should change the subject.

"Now try to be objective for a moment," I said. "Is he any good?"

The comments that followed for the next five minutes actually had very little to do with his progress as a duck caller at all.

"Whoa!" I said. "Go easy. That's his grandmother you're talking about there."

"I am going to pass him over to you and

you will tell him to practice with his duck call outside at a different hour," she said, in a tone that took me back, once again.

"Hey dad," the boy began.

"Hey son," I said.

We then made our typical small talk about school, my work, and different duck hunting techniques that every teenager ought to know.

Nothing too complicated, mostly the fundamentals, of course.

"I hear you are doing very well with your duck call," I said.

"Yup," he answered, "I can hardly wait until next fall."

"Me too son," I replied.

"Want me to go through a calling sequence for you now?" He asked eagerly.

"I'd love it son," I replied. "But this is probably not a good time."

"She does get edgy," he concurred.

"Listen," I said. "About that morning practice session. Maybe you should give it a rest for a while. Your mother, after all, isn't exactly a morning person."

"Yeah, that's kind of weird huh? You think I should stop practicing for a while?" He asked.

"Heavens no," I advised. "Just practice at a different time."

"How about eight o'clock in the evening?" he said. "She'd probably never notice then. She's glued to her favourite television show."

I smiled and said, "That sounds like a great plan. Now how about one calling sequence for the road?"

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Listening to silence

SLOW DOWN LIFE and figure out what to do with the rest of it had been Suzanne's New Year's resolution. Recently hitting forty plus a demanding job had put her down in the dumps. Time to take stock, she had told herself as she packed her car for the trip north. Time for a weekend at the old family cottage.

Of course she had to bring absolutely everything with her since the place was very basic even in the summer months. From drinking water to toilet paper, towels to tea bags, matches to magazines; Suzanne tried to anticipate what she'd need to make herself comfortable and self-sufficient without feeling deprived or isolated. Fortunately she was able to find a spot for her cross-country skies, a gift to herself this past Christmas.

Then she was off, heading out on a chalky-dry highway that was damp around the edges and hardly a winter wonderland. That soon changed as she left the city behind. Snow appeared in fields on either side of the multi-lane highway, stubble still



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showing like bones under a worn-through shawl. Gradually the snow thickened, frosting on a darkly grey cake that had been pushed into ridges along the route.

By the time Suzanne turned off the highway, her speed had slowed to a third and the road had become a glistening white tail snaking menacingly through the snow-laden boreal forest. Fortunately the farmer had remembered to plow her driveway and a narrowly shovelled path

lead to the cottage door.

Unlike a Friday evening in July, the place was anything but welcoming when she pushed open the door. It felt colder inside that out and there was the taint of mice droppings, mould and very old linoleum in the air as she slapped down her first box of weekend provisions. But she knew once she got a fire crackling in the woodstove, the atmosphere and her mood was bound to change.

In the morning, after a quick and chilly dash to the outhouse, she filled two pails in the river's current, minding the icy rocks. One pail went into a large canning pot to slowly warm on the stove and be used for washing everything.

It was so quiet. Other than the rushing river, not a sound broke the sharp morning air. In the summer there would be life of every kind chirping and rustling, flapping and humming. Now the silence was as deep as a jump off the cliff on the other side of the lake.

The sparkling sunlight eventually drew her outside where she slid into her skis. The snow was deep and she had to break a path through the bush once she left her driveway. But there was another cottage road where someone had travelled not long ago and it was easier going there.

Moving in that rhythmic Nordic pace, Suzanne realized hers was not the only sound after all. Bright blue jays flashed and sang between pine trees, never quite drowning out the chickadees. A slight breeze moved the top of the birch trees in a stiffly crackling dance while at their feet the pale corpses of dead milkweed rattled like teeth in a wooden cup.

As the afternoon slipped along like her skis, she stopped now and then for a drink of water or bite of energy bar, brushing off a rock or stump to sit when possible and blinking into the flawless sunshine. By the time she had made her way back to the cottage, she longed for an impossible hot bath but settled for brown beans and thick toast slathered with peanut butter and washed down with a hot toddy. Then sleep, sudden and full even as an owl broke the silence of her dreams.



pic of the past

"The 1950-51 Harcourt hockey team won the cup," writes a young Wayne Stoughton, fourth from left in the front row, on the back of his photo. The team was from Wilberforce, Tory Hill and Gooderham. A "monster supper" took place at the Warren's. Back row: Manger C. Warren, L. Arpenen, T. Brooks, B. Burke, H. Sheckler, B. Moore, Captain M. Zaver and Coach Stevens. Front row: R. McDuff, E. Bowen, S. Towsend, W. Stoughton, J. Moore, B. Barnes. Sub goalie was Jim Mumford.

letters to the editor

You can't blame homebuilders

To the Editor,

Re: *Cash jobs can be alluring, Echo*

The series of events regarding the harmonization of the sales taxes started some time ago.

1) The Conservative federal government reduces the GST nationally to get votes in the last election.

2) The Conservative federal government offers a number of provinces very healthy payments to harmonize the sales taxes.

3) The new tax becomes effective on such items as heating oil, hydro, gasoline, necessity items no matter one's income.

4) Manitoba turns down the offer from the Conservative government.

Can we really complain about the contractors accepting cash and ignoring taxes? Illegal perhaps, but they have very good teachers.

Ken H. Smith
Haliburton

Ms Grant, surely hydro isn't THAT bad!?

To the Editor,

Re: *"No way small cabin uses that much," Echo, Jan. 5*

Dear Ms. Grant: I read your letter regarding the extraordinary high cost of your hydro service and I must admit, I am disappointed in you. Surely you could be more charitable to those men and women striving mightily day and night to keep our fair province shining brightly?

After all, think of those poor people, going home with furrowed brow, waking in a cold sweat, chugging down cup after cup of cold black coffee, all because they're so concerned and worried about you, their cherished customer?

After all, what's in a hydro bill? Piffing little charges – barely worth mentioning!

You have the flat fee – that's only \$27.16 a month. Surely that's not much to ask for the privilege of planting their equipment on your property?

And then there's the adjusted meter reading – it's only 1.092 times your meter usage. After all, someone has to pay for all the hydro lost in sending it to your property?

I mean, if a bag of milk falls off the truck on the way to the grocery store, don't you hand the cashier the \$6 anyway? And doesn't the person behind you? And the ones behind them?

The Distributed Volume charge - that's only your meter reading times 0.02780. See? Not even three per cent – don't all those zeros put it in perspective for you?

See **Hydro** page 8

READERS WRITE

So what is Conservative Party's view on climate?

To the Editor,

Re: "Devolin staffer denies global warming, calls UN 'corrupt,'" Echo Jan. 2

Mr. Devolin's staff member Peter Taylor could only be comfortable within the shelter of the Conservative Party, as no other major political party on the Canadian political spectrum would countenance, let alone support his bizarre and ill-informed views. That said, what exactly is the policy of the Conservative party with regard to climate change, let alone the UN, and how closely would the party prefer to echo Mr. Taylor's uneducated views if it could get away with it? Canadian voters apparently suspect Mr. Harper of having hidden agendas. Is this one of them?

Mr. Devolin's leader, Stephen Harper, has shown little, if any, leadership on the global climate change file, and his iron control of his ministers and caucus ensures that no one else does either. Harper's muted statements and brief appearance at the recent Copenhagen talks speaks volumes as to his understanding of and commitment to solutions to the crisis.

Personally, I don't really care who is in power, but

I'm not alone in believing that the Canadian public is well ahead of the prime minister (and his party) in its understanding of and eagerness to confront the issues of global climate change.

When Mr. Devolin returns to Parliament, I would support him in encouraging his fellow caucus members, ministers and particularly the Prime Minister in the following behaviours: less vengeful partisanship, more respect for democratic, parliamentary processes, robust support for science and innovation especially in the environmental field, less blame and more respect for his federal bureaucracy, and a great deal more thoughtful and incisive leadership on climate change.

Mr. Devolin is an excellent MP, and has chosen local political issues for his attention that reflect many of the realities of his riding. Global issues also require urgent government attention. As my representative, I expect Mr. Devolin to do so.

Margery Cartwright
Haliburton

Hydro woes

from page 7

Don't forget the transmission connection fee – that's 0.0045 times the adjusted meter reading – more zeros! – and the transmission network charge, a mere 0.0052 times the adjusted meter reading. That's six more zeros!

Oh, and of course the government's got their fat hand out. They want a whopping 25 cents a month, plus 0.0013 times the adjusted meter reading for the rural rate protection fee and on top of that, another 0.0052 times the adjusted meter reading for something called the IMO NC.

And finally, we have the debt retirement charge – you know, to pay for all those reactors that somehow never manage to get online and to pay for the solar-eclipsing golden parachutes lavished on the previous board of directors when they were given the ol' heave-ho. That's a piffling 0.007 times the meter reading.

So with all those zeros, surely you can see that really, we pay next to nothing for what is a 100 per cent reliable service!

Now, stop complaining and pass me the hurricane lamp – I can't see the pages.

By the way: just for fun, if you plug those numbers into a spreadsheet, it will tell you what your hydro bill will be within a couple of dollars (allowing for rounding error – high on their side, low on your computer's).

Silja Hare
Minden

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Kendra Kellett - kendra@haliburtonchamber.com

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Guest Speaker: MP Barry Devolin
RSVP to kendra@haliburtonchamber.com

Watch for the upcoming Skills Development Workshop 2010
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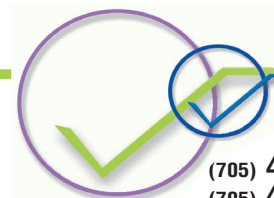
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Giving away the farm to the land trust

To the Editor,

Well, the deed is done ... so to speak!

After 50 years of family ownership the deed to Dahl Forest is now in the hands of the Haliburton Highlands Land Trust. At the flick of a pen, the smack of a rubber stamp, our 500 acre stewardship project leaves the family and becomes entrusted to a community group ... forever.

Forever? An elusive concept, and one of the first we had to tangle with. Nothing is forever – we can only try to get close. There aren't many options for people wishing to preserve a property for posterity, but selling the place was obviously not one of them.

Not everyone becomes truly attached to a piece of land. Most of us view land as a commodity – a place to live, perhaps to farm for income, a speculative investment, or a place to enjoy for recreation. When times change we move on. A phone call to the real estate agent, sign some papers and it's gone. Take the money, use it for something else. Buy another place.

For my family, disposal of our property in Haliburton County was not so simple – not by a long shot.

My father purchased the land in the mid-1950s. It didn't cost much then be-

cause it wasn't worth much. The meagre topsoil was all but gone and wouldn't grow weeds. Real crops were out of the question and scrawny cattle ranged free, scrounging for what they could get.

Dad came from Sweden and brought with him the romantic European ideal of the great Canadian wilderness: endless forests, hunting and trapping, aboriginals living off the land. That's not what he found. But part of that Swedish culture was the principle of sustainable forestry – planting and stewarding forest, replacing it as it was harvested. He determined to replicate the model by setting up a "tree farm," and it became known to family and friends as "the farm."

A tree farm, as a small-scale private venture, was almost unheard of in those days. There were no breaks, tax or otherwise, for an individual with land to practice reforestation. But he did it anyway, completely at his own expense and trusting in the value of a long-term investment.

When I was young, my mother, my sister and I all participated in the annual planting operation. Local helpers were hired for the springtime event. Fifty years and 110,000 trees later the naked sandy fields and rocky outcrops are now

dense woodland. For those 50 years we watched the land change fundamentally from failed farmland to natural wilderness. Wildlife returned to the river valley, beaver changed the scenery with their wetland projects. The field birds disappeared as the forest inhabitants moved in. The old farmstead laneways became moss covered trails winding through ever thickening cover.

For most of our lives we lived away from the area and only returned to the farm occasionally – sometimes two or three years would pass between my ability to visit. For those who live continuously around land that reverts to its natural state the change is slow and almost unnoticeable. On my visits there were always surprises. An expansive vista was now obscured by growing trees. A trickling creek had become a stream. A meadow now a wetland. The old buildings sagging and rotting away.

The farm has been an integral part of my mother's life and she has always been adamant that the property be managed – but mostly left alone to return to nature. If there is a theme to our more recent ownership of the land it was just that – leave it alone.

Sell it? Not an option.

An alternative appeared in the form of the Ecological Gifts Program and the Haliburton Highlands Land Trust. Designed for situations like ours, the program helps community groups identify ecologically sensitive lands and facilitates gifts from owners who want to see their treasured properties secured for posterity.

This turned out to be a complex process, but the land trust, with the en-

thusiastic and hard-working leadership of Sheila Ziman, helped us work our way through the maze of surveys, assessments, legal issues and government bureaucracy. A property severance had to be made, a life interest in the house negotiated and an agreement on the future uses of the land worked through. It was a process that took over a year and countless phone calls, emails and meetings, but in the end we can be proud of the result: the Dahl Forest will remain as a conservation reserve – forever.

This isn't the end of the story. The HHLT is a community-based charitable organization run entirely by Haliburton County volunteers who want to make a difference. The costs of maintaining the Dahl Forest property – insurance, signage, maintenance, etc. will now be borne by the Land Trust with community support. A significant sum must be raised for an endowment fund to cover these costs into the future. The Land Trust has a good start on this fund, but a long way to go. Community members who value the perpetual conservation of areas of natural woodlands in the county will be asked to chip in and take over where my family leaves off.

Dahl Forest is not longer in our hands. Help the HHLT preserve it for future generations. Let's see what another 50 years will bring!

For more information, visit www.haliburtonlandtrust.ca or call 705-754-2532.

Peter Dahl
Victoria, B.C.

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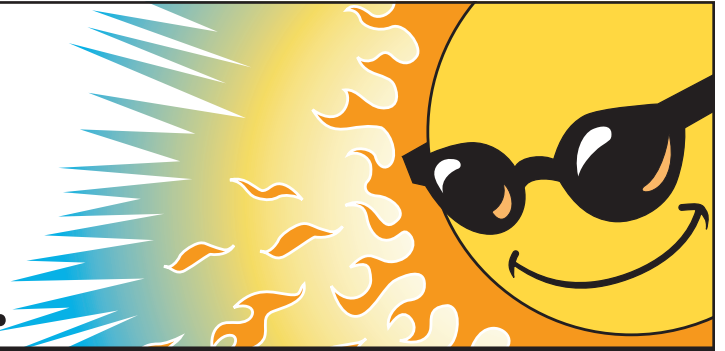
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LOCAL BUSINESS

Wigamog Inn still silent on future

TERRANCE GAVAN

Staff reporter

The phone is disconnected and the website is "experiencing technical difficulties," surely two indicators that things are not quite right at the Wigamog Inn, which is still advertised on many web ads as a "four-season resort."

Located on the shores of Lake Kashagawigamog, about seven kilometres west of Haliburton on Wigamog Road, the scenic resort has been a fixture in the Highlands since the 1920s.

Attempts to contact co-owner Walter Pyrchidny yielded an email in return. Pyrchidny wrote: "I am no longer involved in managing the operations of Wigamog. The property is owned by a limited partnership based in Montreal. I have forwarded your email to them to determine if they would like to com-

ment or speak to you regarding the property."

As the paper went to print we had not yet received a call or email regarding the Wigamog closure from the management group in Montreal.

Several satellite businesses which operate near the Wigamog such as Wind in the Willows, Ski Mazing Water Sports and Haliburton Heights, GeoHoliday Resorts are all affected by the closure, but have had very little in the way of communication from either Pyrchidny or the other operating partner which is listed as IC Canada.

Kinmount's Bonnie Warren, the former general manager at the Wigamog says that she and the staff received layoff notices and were terminated effective Nov. 1, 2009. She added that she was upset by the layoff, but mostly concerned over the new management team's failure to address the voicemails or calls regard-

ing outstanding deposits.

"We figured that the new team should have taken responsibility for guests [that had already booked and made deposits] but they didn't," said Warren.

Craig Bowker who operates his Ski-Mazing Water Sports School from the Wigamog beachfront says that he is currently attempting to garner some information from the ownership group, but explained that it's a very frustrating process.

"It's a communication thing," said Bowker, who added that he has been in communication with a person who has been hired to do a site evaluation. "I've been bugging this guy, because I can't make any marketing plans for the season until I know what their plans are and whether they'll be open.

"Like everyone involved, I'm just exhausted by the lack of communication. And right now I'm uncertain about whether or not I will be operating out of there next summer."

Meanwhile, another business, Haliburton Heights Resort, a shared living development run by GeoHoliday Resorts, haven't reported a drop in their own reservations, in spite of the fact that their guests used to share access to the Wigamog's restaurant, indoor pool, sauna and hot tub. Gaye Tomazic is the manager of Haliburton Heights and she said that as soon as she received word of the closure, she was on the phone to the Pinestone Resort (just five minutes down the road by car) to inquire about a shared facility deal.

"We've set up a pass system with the Pinestone for their indoor pool and gym facilities and our guests have been very happy with the arrangement so far," said Tomazic. "We've had nothing but positive feedback about the Pinestone from our guests and we haven't lost one day of business due to the Wigamog closure."

She said she was also able to hire three of the laid off staffers from the Wigamog, a step that became necessary because Haliburton Heights relied on the Wigamog for maintenance and housekeeping chores.

Meanwhile, the historic Wigamog resort is taking a very big hit on the popular Trip Adviser hotel and motel ratings site.

A message from a couple left on the Trip Adviser website Nov. 25 reflects the general malaise surrounding the closure.

"My fiancé and I signed a contract with the staff to plan our wedding at Wigamog. Worst of all, we have discovered that the resort is now shut down. We paid a \$1,500 deposit for our wedding that is now six months away and no one is making any effort to contact us."

Tomazic said that she hopes that the new management decides to address the information underload in the near future. She also hopes that they decide the resort is worth saving.

"I hope they decide to sink some money into it and bring it back to its glory days," said Tomazic.

Highlands Summer Festival 2010

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Audition Call

The Goodbye Girl by Neil Simon, Marvin Hamlisch & David Zippel

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5 females 25-65 • 5 males 25-55

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RETAIL

Seasonal sales steady for Haliburton County

ANGELICA BLENICH

Staff reporter

The presents are all unwrapped, the ornaments have been put away in their box for another year and the stockings have been un-hung with care. Christmas has come and gone.

As the lull of January begins to creep into the streets of Haliburton, the quietness of the post holiday season gives local retailers time to crunch the numbers and reflect on the season of giving, or in this case, a season of last-minute shopping.

For many of the local businesses, the late arrival of our friend winter was partly to blame for the lack of enthusiastic shopping in the weeks leading up to the holidays.

"With the late coming of the snow it seemed as though there wasn't any urgency towards buying winter clothing," says Cory Pietryszyn, assistant manager at Boatwerks, a sporting goods and clothing store. "All the high school kids could still stand outside and wait for the bus in their fall jackets late into the year."

Mother Nature eventually made her presence known in Haliburton, however, driving residents to invest in winter gear.

"Overall though we were happy and satisfied with the way things turned out for the season," says Pietryszyn.

For other stores, such as the V&S department store, the number of shoppers was down compared to previous years, though total sales were up.

"December was a little better than the trends had dictated," says Clay Glecoff, manager of the store. "We were down in our customer counts over last year, but the people that were spending were spending a little bit more. Our sales were up about three per cent."

According to Glecoff, the month of December was a bright spot during a year that didn't fare so well.

"As a whole the rest of the year was slow," says Glecoff, "for everybody."

He believes the trend extended beyond the streets of Haliburton.

"We had customers in here telling us that some of the big retailers down in the city were also experiencing a slow month," he says.

Ruth Robinson, owner of Cranberry Cottage, says although the month of December started off fairly slowly, things started to pick-up the closer Christmas got.

"I was actually very surprised this year because my best day was Christmas Eve," explains Robinson. "I wasn't even



Ruth Robinson, owner of Cranberry Cottage, chats with customers during the first week of January, typically a slow month for shopping in Haliburton. /Photo Angelica Blenich

open until 5 p.m. but I had a lot of traffic that day."

Robinson says the type of business she received varied during the month of December.

"The weeks leading up to Christmas was a lot of local business," says Robinson. "Then during the week after Christmas I had more of the visitors and tourists coming through."

Robinson, like many other retailers in the area, is now bracing for one of the

slowest times of the year.

"I was pleasantly surprised with how sales went for the first weekend of January," says Robinson, "but now things are starting to slow down."

As for 2010, a good start in terms of sales has some believing a new year can be the start of a new trend.

"This first week of January has been good," says Glecoff. "Hopefully it's a trend and we can ride it out for a while."

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Haliburton COUNTY news

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Ten years later, still in love with the Highlands

To the Editor,

Back in 1985 Keith and I made a conscious decision to move to the Haliburton area.

We didn't move there because work took us there or family lived there or memories of our own youth.

We weren't running away from anywhere either. We chose to spend this important chapter of our lives to raise our sons in Haliburton so they would call it home.

Keith and I were aware that even though we considered ourselves good parents we needed a community to help us with this important job.

When we first visited the Highlands, Keith was drawn to the trees, rocks and hills.

It reminded him of the foothills of the Rockies where he had spent time before we met. Coming from small communities we wanted that same environment for Troy and Todd.

We liked the feel of this community.

We needed to know that if anything went on with them at one end of Haliburton, we would know about it before they got to the other end of the village.

After the boys finished school our restless spirits took us physically away from Haliburton but we did our best to stay connected.

Keith died of cancer in Peterborough Regional Health Centre on November 28, 2009.

A memorial service was held in his home community of Keady, Ont. on December 4, 2009.

Seventeen "crazy Haliburtonians" braved the first real snowstorm of the year and drove four hours west into snow belt country to attend his memorial service. Those people heard Troy and Todd's eulogies and know what a wonderful job everyone accomplished raising them.

I thank you for your assistance.

They have moved to the city life but will always love and appreciate their home of the Haliburton Highlands. We may have moved away 10 years ago but a big part of our hearts are still in the Highlands.

From a grateful, proud parent and friend of Haliburton Highlands

Dianne Jackson

RICK COX/Special to the Echo



Happy New Year!

Minden wrapped up its sesquicentennial year with a night of fireworks, tree burning, dancing and parties. Our own contributor, Sian Cox, even won a trip to Minden, Germany.

COUNCIL

Chamber not keen on sign bylaw

CHAD INGRAM

Staff reporter

The Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce has concerns that upcoming changes to the county's sign bylaw may have negative affects for area businesses.

While county council passed them in 2008, the changes will not come into effect until 2013, following a five-year grace period.

"At this point in time, we don't have any issue," said Maria Micallef, the chamber's administrative co-ordinator.

However, when the new bylaw comes into effect in three years time, Micallef said she wonders what the effects will be for businesses that advertise along county roads and a survey recently put out to the chamber's 300 members asks just that question.

Micallef said earlier this week said she had not yet had a chance to review any responses.

The changes to the bylaw mean that billboards will no longer be permitted on county road allowances and that road allowances where billboards have stood must be returned to an "acceptable state."

There will be no shared-site signage and advertisers

will be required to provide the county roads department with an endorsed copy of their property lease agreement with the landowner.

Moreover, the roads departments must review the information layout and design for billboards that will stand adjacent to county roads and billboards will not be permitted in 50 km/h zones.

Also, advertisers will be granted a maximum of one sign per direction per road.

As Algonquin Highlands Reeve Eleanor Harrison, who was county warden in 2008, explained, council passed the bylaw in an attempt to reduce what Harrison called "sign pollution."

Harrison said councillors were becoming concerned about the visual impairments that high numbers of signs along county roads were causing, as well as improperly placed signs, such as those nailed to trees.

"It's a fine and necessary bylaw, as far as I'm concerned," she said.

Micallef said whether the chamber moves ahead with any sort of lobbying or petitioning action will depend on the response of its members to the survey.

Micallef stressed that it is only signs along the roads owned by the county, such as county roads 21 and 503, which will be affected.

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Trip to nationals for local curler takes the cake

from page 1

break. The first prize for that victory was an all-expense-paid trip to the Vancouver Olympics and free tickets to several curling events at the Olympic curling venue.

But that's just the icing. The cake is this trip to the nationals and the memories of some stellar battles fought against old foes and faux-foes (former curling teammates) to earn that trip to the junior finals.

Edward Cyr, another former Red Hawk curler plays third on Camm's Navan foursome. The Camm rink finished up the round robin at 7-0, while Team Walker finished at 6-1, the only loss coming via a heartbreaking 7-5 loss to Camm in the final draw of the round robin on Tuesday night. "It's a game that we should have won," smiles Walker, adding that the loss provided some special impetus for his team heading into the semi-final the next morning.

Camm earned a bye to the Wednesday afternoon final and forced Walker's team into a crucial semi-final match against Kurtis Byrd of the Rideau Curling Club last Wednesday morning.

Walker eked out a 5-4 decision over Byrd, a victory sealed in the tenth end with Walker throwing last rocks and the teams tied at four. Walker and his team (featuring third Craig Van Ymerman, second Geoff Chambers and lead Matthew Maplettoft) had only a few hours to catch their breath before stepping onto the ice at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday for the rematch against Camm and his former Red Hawk teammate Cyr.

The final was dominated by the Walker rink who literally stole the championship away from the Camm foursome. Walker and his rink stole points in four ends to take a commanding 5-0 lead at the half-

way point of the match. Camm scored one in the sixth and after Walker scored two with the hammer in seven the teams shook hands.

Walker last curled for Hal High in 2008 and he says that he owes a big part of his success to his grandfather Bruce Armstrong, a well-known curler in the Highlands area.

"My grandfather used to be the president of the Haliburton curling club and he was the one who asked that my mom get me into curling when I was about eight," says Walker. He adds that he and his younger brother Jesse – who curled second for the Red Hawks bronze medal team last season and is back chucking and sweeping for Hal High this year – have both benefited from a solid skill set developed from a young age at the Haliburton and other area curling clubs.

Walker says that at the nationals his foursome will have to come big with their A-game and adds that older and more experienced junior curlers have a definite advantage.

"The strongest team will be the team from P.E.I.," says Walker. "It's a long trek. I think we have a good chance because two of the member of my team, Craig [Van Ymerman], my vice, and Geoff [Chambers] my second, made it to the national finals two years ago, and lost it in the nationals' final. And my lead Matthew [Maplettoft] won the OUAs [university level] and went to the nationals and represented Canada at the world university curling championships. We have a very experienced team so I think we have a great chance in the finals."

He says that his granddad is naturally very proud of his accomplishments and his former coach Tom Dibblee has been

keeping everyone in the area apprised of the accomplishments of all of the Red Hawk alumni.

"My mom and dad [Nancy and Corey Walker] are very excited about it all," says Walker, who adds that the national junior

final will be televised live on TSN.

All of his teammates are attending university, but he says that they have all made a commitment to jump full throttle into the upcoming battle for Canadian junior supremacy.

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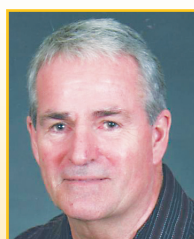
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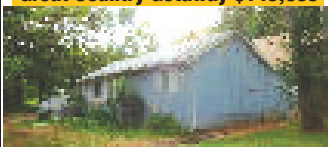
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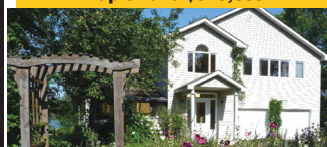
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DYSART COUNCIL

Official plan must address aging population

TERRANCE GAVAN

Staff reporter

The following are brief reports of items discussed at Dysart et al council Jan. 5.

Dysart et al council found themselves immersed in the lengthy business of a point by point review of the official plan and five year review at a planning session in Dysart council chambers last Monday.

The Dysart et al official plan will be used in all planning decisions as council moves forward with development, conservation, property allocations, lakefront and water-based decisions over the next half decade.

Important objectives cited Jan. 5 included Dysart's intention to recognize the value of its rich cultural heritage, establish new trends in recreational development and address some broader issues regarding current population trends that may stretch local resources as we move toward 2015.

The population of people aged 65 and over in Dysart et al sits at 23 per cent: almost double the Canadian rate of 13.5 per cent according to Statistics Canada

data.

Moving forward this aging demographic is going to put pressure on medical and long-term care facilities. Thus age-specific planning is going to be an important factor in any future planning decisions.

Council applies to province for streetscape cash

Council is applying for another grant to improve the streetscape of downtown Haliburton.

The province's second intake in the Community Adjustment Fund comprises about \$112 million in grant funding, a figure that Reeve Murray Fearrey said was allocated for the whole of Southern Ontario.

Fearrey allowed that the streetscape project will cost about \$2.3 million and he told council that he didn't personally feel that it was feasible to apply for the whole amount.

Deputy-reeve Bill Davis said that he was in favour of a reduced funding application that would cover streetscape improvements to an area on York Street immediately surrounding the cenotaph area.

Council will ask the province for two-thirds funding for the streetscape project.

Bonspeil this weekend

community news

wilberforce

Hilda Clark

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All the curling leagues are operating again after a brief break over the Christmas. The Wilberforce club will be hosting the New Year's Bonspiel this coming weekend January 15 and 16. Always a popular fun time.

Doug Stephen, club president, kindly hosted some visitors from Ireland and Australia at the curling club. They wanted to try curling while in Canada over Christmas. Only one of them had ever played before. They all had a good time with Gill Stephen providing tea and cookies as an added treat. We hear the visitors made a generous donation to the club in return. These enterprising tourists had also rented ice time at the arena for their youngsters to be able to skate.

Community Care Haliburton County provides a number of services which make living in this area a lot easier. Now this agency is encouraging residents here in the "Loop" area to take advantage of the passenger van service it is offering. If you are a person 55 years of age or older you can be picked up at your home and taken to the village of your choice for appointments, shopping etc. It seems this would be good for a small group of people who could plan to travel together, do the chores and perhaps even have time for lunch. The service is based on availability. The flyer I received suggested a round trip to Haliburton Village from Wilberforce would be \$6 each. Please contact Paul at 457-2941 at Community Care Haliburton County for more details on this great transportation opportunity.

The renovated kitchen at St. Margaret's Church was dedicated by Rev. Canon Anne Moore immediately after service on Sunday, Jan. 10.

Joining in the service and dedication were the carpenter/contractor Cid Woodcox and his wife Birdie and granddaughter Jocelyn. Flo Taylor, one of the leading coordinators of the project cut the ribbon. Flo thanked all including Cid for their contributions to the project. She expressed regrets that Sylvia Tallman, who had worked hard to see the renovations complete, could not be there. All present agreed. Sylvia has been pleased to have visitors where she is receiving therapy in the hospital. After a tasty lunch Cid added to the festivities by playing guitar and singing several well received numbers. Watch for announcements of a Looney Lunch in a few weeks.

Speaking of food, it was good to have the restaurant in Wilberforce reopened last Friday. Many snowmobilers enjoyed the weather on the weekend certainly welcomed a place for refreshments and a pleasant break.

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HIGH SCHOOL VOLLEYBALL

Red Hawk girls take four sets in tourney



The Hal High junior girls team will be travelling to Brock High School tomorrow afternoon for another Kawartha zone junior volleyball tournament.

More volleyball photos are now online at haliburtonecho.ca.

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Right, Susan and Mike Rowell of Eagle Lake were the lucky people who provided the land for these hungry visitors and snapped this great shot.

Below, this flying squirrel found its way to a goldmine of food when it landed in this birdhouse. Vanessa Adair of Billings Lake captured the little critter as it enjoyed a snack made for the birds.



Haliburton ski club highlights their trip

PETER BROGDEN

Special to the Echo

Our mid-week ski group made a good start to our 2010 outings on Tuesday, Jan. 5 with 15 members skiing from Glebe Park to Lakeview Motel. Though I have to point out that the 2010 Winter Guide did print last year's dates for both the mid-week start date (shown as Tuesday, Jan. 6) and, more seriously in error, the possible moonlight ski evenings. (For corrected dates, see the end of this article.) The trail that we followed from the West Loop of Glebe Park is the present Jim Beef/Lakeview Trail and has had serious bridge washouts during the 2009 spring runoff. In fact, this is the second time the bridges or earlier culverts have been washed out this century, so it was deemed not practical to rebuild and keep to the old trail. Also, there are two steep south-facing hills, which require frequent grooming to maintain safe skiing. So volunteers used the gorgeous sunny weather in late November after the hunt season to clear by hand two bypasses with less serious hills which also avoided the two washed out bridges.

Clearing by hand, of course, cannot produce the smooth trail bed that a bulldozer or excavator can, so the new hills on the bypasses are ungroomed but are skied in. The big snowfall of Dec. 9 to 11 has packed down well and the more recent light snowfalls have left the bypass trails very similar to the original Jim Beef Trail of the late 1970s. Those of our group who remember the old Jim Beef Trail, including two whose total ages exceed 160 years, showed some of the younger members how to manage the trail undulations and soft snow. Flex your knees, keep your bum in and head up!

On our arrival at Lakeview Motel, we had arranged with hosts John and Holly McDonald that we would be served a soup and sandwich lunch. The sound volume in their cozy dining room was proof of everyone's enjoyment. One of the objectives of the midweek ski tours is to visit all of the six ski trail networks that the Haliburton Highlands Nordic Trail Association and Cross-Country Ski Club gives members access to within a single season.

As the weather is not always kind to us on Tuesdays, we don't often manage to ski all six. However, we will continue to hope for second trip later in the season on the Jim Beef/Lakeview Trail, this time finishing at Glebe Park with lunch at Fleming College or in Haliburton. If you are interested in joining our group, call Peter or Margaret Brogden at 754-2351.

Moonlight Skiing, revised dates for 2010 are Jan. 28, 29, Feb. 25, 26, (27, 28 clash with Ontario Cup Races) March 26, 27. Probable location is Moosewoods, check with Peter or Margaret at 754-2351.

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Dysart library gets \$5,000 boost from CIBC

CIBC proudly presented a capital donation Jan. 6 of \$5,000 for the new Dysart branch library on Maple Avenue to help complete the construction of the facility that opened in November.

"We really appreciate this wonderful donation from CIBC," said Tammy McKelvey, Dysart's chief administrative officer and member of the library fundraising committee. "Since it opened, we've noticed an increase in the number of local residents and visitors utilizing the library. Many are bringing their laptops to take advantage of the high-speed wireless environment, particularly students from local schools and Fleming College. The increased space is ideal for children's reading programs, which help local children develop a love of reading."

"This beautiful new library plays an invaluable role to the residents of Dysart but also to cottagers who spend a great deal of their summers here," said Patrick Davis, CIBC's senior business advisor, business banking for Haliburton County. "At CIBC, we have a long history of giving back to communities where we live and work. We are pleased today to announce this donation that will help make this new library a focal point in the community for Dysart residents and visitors alike."

The Dysart branch of the Haliburton County Public Library is open Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Fridays and Saturdays 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; closed Sundays and Mondays.

Patrick Davis, left, and Jane Davies from CIBC, present Andrea Roberts and Lindy Smith from the library fundraising committee with a donation of \$5,000 for improvements to the new Dysart library.



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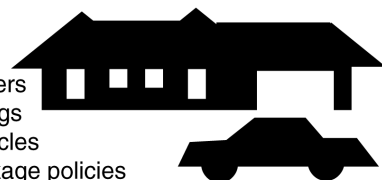
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Defence to be based on Bible

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of St. Catharines and Alexandre Nault of Rimouski, Que. occupied the cottage Nov. 10 illegally. Real estate agent Cathy Lancia said she was made aware of the group when she found an envelope with a note and photocopied birth certificates stating they were in the cottage.

The six have always been described as courteous and passive when faced with authority.

Victor Beck, the de facto spokesperson for the group, said that they would be using the Bible as a defence for the unlawful entry charge.

"The Bible is not a defence," Judge L.E. Chester said. "If your application is dealing with the Bible, it won't [take long] to adjudicate on that."

Beck replied that all of the laws of the world stem from the law of God and as such, the Bible was his ultimate legal text.

"You still have to comply with the rule of law," Chester replied.

The judge told the group that he would set a trial date of Jan. 20 at Minden court and they would have to determine what portions of the Charter of Rights they want to apply by Jan. 14.

Since the accused disputed none of the Crown's facts, the trial could be accelerated, all parties agreed.

"There won't be resistance on our part in terms of the facts," Beck said.

"There's extenuating circumstances why we did what we did," he said.

On Jan. 20, the synopsis of the events of Nov. 10 will be read in and the rest of the trial will be comprised of arguments of rights.

TERRANCE GAVAN/Echo



Why it's not 'boarder genteel'

Above: Sir Sam's snowboard instructor Scott Fennell (# 193) said it was all, "shoving, pushing and elbows," during the final heat of the men's boarder cross masters event at Sir Sam's Ski Area last Saturday afternoon. That's why it's called boarder cross and not "boarder genteel." Fennell won the master's championship with a superb run in the final.

Left: In the skier cross held on Sunday at Sir Sam's, number 62 Alex Sutherland busts a move past Brandon Armstrong in the 11- to 13-year-old age group category.

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Ave Petch and Ron Mark (right) representing the 4Cs board of directors accept a cheque for \$3,585 from Foodland owner Bob Park. The monies were garnered from the Secret Santa fund collected from Foodland shoppers over several weeks leading up to Christmas. The proceeds will go towards stocking the shelves at the local food bank as well as financing other services provided by the organization. /Photo by Terrance Gavan

HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS**Red Hawks continue to impress going into the new year****HHSS SPORTS**

Briefs

Jan. 5

The boys' Red Hawk hockey team played to a six-all tie against Thomas A. Stewart.

Jan. 6

The junior girls' volleyball team had a fantastic tournament, placing second overall.

The team defeated all three starting line-ups of opposing teams with a notable 10-point win against AAA rival Fenelon Falls.

The junior boys' basketball team started the new

year off on a winning note with a 40-35 win over the Brock Bulldogs. The Hawks defence was led by Damon Flatman, Louis Ferracuti, Andrew Murray, and Dylan Smith.

Offensively, Damon Flatman had 15 points, Andrew Murray had nine, and Dylan Smith scored eight timely points.

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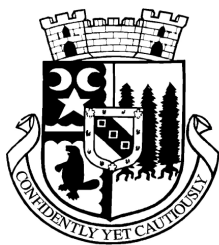
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING PUBLIC MEETING COMMITTEE

- **DATE:** Monday February 1st, 2010.
- **TIME:** 5:00 pm.
- **LOCATION:** Council Chambers, Municipal Office, Haliburton, Ontario.

APPLICATIONS:

Official Plan Amendment Application:

- 1 Lands of the Municipality of Dysart et al:
 - Purpose and Effect: the proposed official plan amendment will permit use of the property for an affordable housing project.
 - Designation change from Commercial Areas to Mixed Use Areas.
 - Location: Part of Lot 10, Concessions 8 and 9, and part of the original road allowance between Lots 10 and 11, Concessions 8 and 9 (closed by Order-in-Council OC-4039/65), Dysart Township (4977 County Road 21).
 - An application to amend the Zoning By-law to implement this official plan amendment will follow.

Zoning By-law Amendment Application:

- 2 Lands of 1522689 Ontario Inc. (Hammond):
 - Purpose and Effect: the proposed by-law will zone the lands to recognize the existing garden centre and permit an accessory dwelling.
 - Zone change from CT to CH-xx.
 - Location: Part of Lot 10, Concession 6, Harburn Township (5017 Haliburton Lake Road - Fort Irwin).
 - This is a revised application. The first public meeting for this file was held on November 2nd, 2009.
- 3 Lands of 1426805 Ontario Limited and Wilson:
 - Purpose and Effect: the proposed by-law will zone the lands to permit construction of a seasonal residential dwelling. The proposed by-law recognizes the lot frontage and area and clarifies the extent of the EP zone.
 - Zone change from RU1L and EP to RU1L-xx.
 - Location: Part of Lot 15, Concession 3, Dysart Township (unnamed lake - off Unicorn Road).

ANY PERSON OR PUBLIC BODY may attend the Public Meeting and/or make written or verbal representations either in support of or in opposition to the proposed official plan amendment or the proposed by-law amendment.

IF YOU WISH TO BE NOTIFIED of the adoption of the proposed official plan amendment, or of the refusal of a request to amend the official plan, you must make a written request to the Municipality of Dysart et al, P.O. Box 389, Haliburton, Ontario K0M 1S0.

APPEAL PROVISIONS WITH RESPECT TO THE PROPOSED OFFICIAL PLAN AMENDMENT:

- If a person or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to the Municipality of Dysart et al before the proposed official plan amendment is adopted, the person or public body is not entitled to appeal the decision of the County of Haliburton (who are the approval authority) to the Ontario Municipal Board.
- If a person or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to the Municipality of Dysart et al before the proposed official plan amendment is adopted, the person or public body may not be added as a party to the hearing of an appeal before the Ontario Municipal Board unless, in the opinion of the Board, there are reasonable grounds to do so.

APPEAL PROVISIONS WITH RESPECT TO THE PROPOSED ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT:

- If a person or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to the Municipality of Dysart et al before the proposed zoning by-law is passed, the person or public body is not entitled to appeal the decision of the Municipality of Dysart et al to the Ontario Municipal Board.
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THE PROPOSED AMENDMENTS and information relating to the proposed amendments is available for review at the Planning Department at the Municipal Offices during regular office hours (8:30 A.M. - 4:30 P.M., Monday to Friday).

DATED at the Township of Dysart, this 12th January, 2010
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Manager Highland Storm Atom AE

The Highland Storm Atom AEs travelled to Niagara Falls Wednesday, Jan. 6 to participate in the 11th annual International Silver Stick AE finals from Jan. 7 through 10.

This year they hosted the most teams from Canada and the U.S., 72 teams with approximately 1,100 hockey players and five age levels from Novice to Midget. These teams are champions from their division, from regional Silver Stick AE tournaments, such as the one hosted by our own team. From the Atom AE division the original number of teams who went to the regionals were approximately 256 with only the champions moving forward to the international competition.

Games are played at Fort Erie, which has two rinks one being NHL size. The Storm played their games there on this rink and then in St. Catharines Seymour-Hannah Centre, which boasts four rinks.

The first three games are scheduled, these ones place the team for the fourth game, which they had to win to proceed to the semi-finals. The Storm managed to do this even though they did not always play to their full potential. The semi-final game was a nail-biter against the Mt. Brydges Cougars who matched the Storm goal for goal. The game went into an overtime period of 10 minutes after a 4-4 tie at the end of the third. The winning goal was scored by Greg Crofts (giving him a hat trick for this game), assisted by Jacob Haedicke and Alex Wilbee – the Storm moved onto the finals to play for the championship.

The last game was against the NYC Cyclones, a team with 15 players and one goalie against our 10 players and one goalie

The Storm fought hard but lost 5-0. An awesome effort by these boys to come in second place in their division. They bring home a banner, a trophy, a medal each and an unforgettable experience shared with their families and team.

(This reminds us, why we do this hockey thing.)

All the Storm parents/families are so proud of these boys for the way they played

(they fought hard and with heart), behaved and represented the Highland Storm Association.

We would like to say a special thank you to our sponsor, The Peppermill, and the following who made financial donations to help with our expenses, The Royal Canadian Legion (Haliburton), Curtis Eastmure (Sunlife), Carol Stamp, Vince and Kim Duchene, Cheryl Russell and Mike Easton and Ridgewood Ford. Also Todd's Independent for the gift card for food. Another special thank you goes out to Matt Duchene for remembering his roots and taking the time to wish these boys good luck and have fun, they were thrilled. Also to the Highland Storm executive for their assistance. And we cannot forget our families, friends and workplaces who assisted us with days off, taking care of younger siblings, pets and homes while we were away.

Now we will be playing our last regular season game Wednesday, Jan. 13 in Gravenhurst, then onto the Liftlock Tournament in Peterborough Jan. 15, 16 and hopefully 17. Once again thank you to everyone who wished us well and for your support.



Back row: Greg Turner assistant trainer, Jim O'Neill coach, Kev Crofts junior trainer, Peter Dobie assistant coach, Greg Crofts, Jake Bull, Ryan Prentice, Jacob Haedicke, Jack Dobie, Trevor Turner, Owen Smith, Carter O'Neill, Devyn Prentice, Alex Wilbee and Anthony Bertucca (goalie).

/Photo submitted

Maple Syrup producers hold annual AGM

When local maple syrup producers hold their annual general meeting in Buckhorn later this month, they'll spend most of the day arguing over the best way to make the sweet stuff.

Aside from the regular business meeting, the day's proceedings will focus on ways to meet rising consumer expectations for food quality and safety.

You don't have to be a member to attend the meeting of the Haliburton-Kawartha Maple Syrup Producers Association, which takes place on Jan. 29 at the Buckhorn Community Centre, starting at 9 a.m.

For OMSPA members, the program will be mandatory.

They'll have a chance for feedback and questions at meetings like the one at Buckhorn.

Haliburton-Kawartha producers come from the counties of Haliburton and Peterborough, the City of Kawartha Lakes and Durham Region.

Cost of the full day, including lunch, is \$20. The deadline for reservations is Jan. 24. Call 657-1630 or smclean@mcleanberryfarm.com or 457-7158 or neilcampbell@explor-net.com.

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We all know he is getting a little older and, well, can sometimes forget things. Perhaps you did not receive a Highlands Summer Festival Season Pass in your Christmas stocking. Well, there is still time to purchase yours at pre-Christmas prices. Passes are available at Kitchens Etc. in Haliburton or Organic Times in Minden. Or call the Highlands Summer Festival Box office for details: 705-457-9933. Four production pass--\$80, with additional shows available for only \$20 each. But do it now, (before you forget), because the sale ends January 15.

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Board members at the January meeting at the community centre on Monday, Jan. 4 included Carol Stamp, Lynn Morrison, Perry and Kay Morrison, Councillor Janis Parker, Carm Sawyer and Sandy Luck.

A plea for volunteers is going out to the community.

If you get a phone call, please consider saying yes, your name would be added to a list of people to call when a need arises for kitchen duty, for moving articles in storage, for setting of tables, or any one of the number of jobs that just need an extra pair of hands for an hour

or so.

The number to call if you would like to volunteer is Carol Stamp at 754-2168 or leave a message at the centre itself 754-1605.

A number of improvements have taken place especially in the lower hall, which can be rented for occasions as well as the upper or main hall.

Sympathy of the community goes out to Shirley Sisson in the loss of her sister, Edna Nicholls.

The funeral attended by many close relatives and friends was held on Jan. 7 at the Haliburton Funeral Home.

The regular Tuesday night euchre began again on Jan. 5 at the centre with scores as follows: High – Kay Morrison and Leon Jones, Low – Tina Hadley and Ed Muenzel. Most lone hands – Myra Marshall and Gerald Hadley. Special – Myra Marshall.



My Sweet Patootie comes to the Haliburton Museum Jan. 22. Show starts at 8 p.m., cost is \$20 at the door, \$15 for folk society members. See this week's Weekender for a full story.

To advertise your upcoming event, call Laura or Sarah at 457-1037

Coming Events

community calendar

What's happening in the County

Post your event for free on the web. Go to: www.mindentimes.ca or

to the  *Haliburton Highlands* Community Calendar link at: www.haliburtonecho.ca



• January 7 to 16: The Taoist Tai Chi Society (TM) is holding Open Houses in Haliburton, Minden and Wilberforce to introduce the start of a new classes - Taoist Tai Chi(TM) is a gentle form of exercise which can help you improve your strength, flexibility and balance. For more information, please call Brenda 447-2148 or visit www.haliburtonecho.ca

• January 15: Shepherd's Table Community Supper at 5:30 pm – Everyone is welcome to our free, hot, nutritious meal. Lakeside Baptist Church, Park Street, Haliburton. Please RSVP to 457-2851.

• January 15: Haliburton Royal Canadian Legion Ladies Auxiliary – Will be serving open face turkey sandwiches or cabbage rolls plus scalloped potatoes, veggies, desert, tea and coffee from 12 noon to 7 p.m at the Legion. Cost is only \$7:50. Everyone welcome, proceeds will go to our sports fund. Take out available.

• January 17: Lochlin Community Centre is hosting a Spaghetti Dinner – Everyone welcome, seating available for 4:30 pm or 5:45 pm (3rd setting may be added depending on reservations) adults \$10, kids 12 and under \$6, preschoolers FREE. Bring kids, friends and neighbours, enjoy your evening and support your local community centre. For reservations call Paula at 457-3557 or Linda at 286-3438.

• January 21: The annual meeting of the Wilberforce Heritage Guild will be held at the Red Cross Outpost in Wilberforce – Join us at 7:00 pm. All welcome. Refreshments.

• January 21: The University Women's Club of Haliburton highlands welcomes Laurie Carmount, curator of the Agnes Jamieson Gallery as guest speaker - Join us at 2:00 p.m at Fleming College Haliburton. Members are invited to include interested guests and potential members to the

program section of this meeting. Please note the change in time.

• February 6: Pot Luck Luncheon – Minden Horticultural Society at Our Lady of Fatima Church, 12 noon. Heritage seeds is the topic and guest speaker Karen Sloan from Wild Flower Studio. Bring your own plate, utensils and a pot luck dish to share. For more information please call Barb at 286-1320.

• February 13: Dead Poets Salute Unrequited Love at the Dominion Hotel in Minden from 7:30-9:30 pm– The deads are rising again! The Spiritual Advisor of the dead poets society is looking for lively deads who will select a poem or two to read – guess when? On the eve of St. Valentine's day at the Dominion in romantic downtown Minden. The Dead have been entertaining the elite intellectual class in the County for four years with turns from Poe, Whitman, Donne, Dorothy Parker, just to name a few. Clever Friends: choose a poem on unrequited love and let the Spiritual Advisor know by emailing Michael Fay at fay.m@sympatico.ca. And, if you just want to quaff an ale or a ruby red wine, come-on-down-to-the-Dominion on February 13!

Good News Club – Junior kindergarten to Grade 3 children are invited to a fun filled club with Christian values taught. The program will be be walked over to J.D. Hodgson School. The program is free. Children can be picked up at JDH at 5pm. Call Stephanie 754-0079.

Events listings are provided **FREE** for non-profit groups on a space-available basis. While we endeavour to accommodate requests for publication, we cannot guarantee that all requests for listings will appear. Requests should be faxed to The Echo at 457-3275, emailed to editor@haliburtonecho.ca, or faxed to The Minden Times at 286-4768, emailed to editor@mindentimes.ca or brought in to the office.

Please submit events by the Thursday prior to the requested publication date.

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Events

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Larry Allin & Christine Wooder
celebrated the birth of their son
Thomas Jacob Allin

on New Years Day
at Peterborough General
Hospital.

Mother, Father &
Son are doing fine.



Deaths

AMYOTTE, Norma May (Kinette Club life member) - Passed away surrounded by her loving family at the Ross Memorial Hospital in Lindsay on Wednesday, December 30, 2009. Norma, at the age of 71 was the beloved wife of Larry for 45 years. Treasured mom of Michael and his wife Brenda, Leigh-Ann Amyotte, and Patty and her husband Tim Slater. Loving Nanny of Christopher, Connor, Jessie, Ethan, and Zachary. Fondly remembered by her seven brothers and sisters and their families. Cremation has taken place. Visitation was at the **MACKEY FUNERAL HOME**, 33 Peel Street, Lindsay (705-328-2721) on Tuesday, January 5th from 12:00 p.m. until the time of celebration of life service in the chapel at 2:00 p.m. Memorial donations to the Canadian Cancer Society of SickKids Foundation would be appreciated. Online condolences may be made at www.mackeys.ca

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ARMSTRONG, Hazel - Passed away peacefully at Caressant Care Nursing Home on Mary Street in Lindsay on Monday, January 4, 2010. Hazel Carey in her 86th year, was the beloved wife of the late Eddy Armstrong. Loving mother of Karen Gemmill and her late husband Joe, and Lynn Neals and her husband Doug. Cherished grandmother of Aaron Gemmill (Lisa Murphy), Melanie Gemmill (Steve Kraemer), Alicia (Mike Cooper) Lesley Neals and Laura Neals and great granddaughter Makena Cooper. Survived by her sister Min Bonham. Predeceased by her brothers Milton and Albert and sisters Evelyn, Normal and Dorothy. Family and friends were invited to call at the **MACKEY FUNERAL HOME**, 33 Peel Street, Lindsay on Wednesday, January 6th from 2 to 4 p.m. Interment later at Riverside Cemetery, Lindsay. If desired, memorial donations to the Royal Canadian Legion Branch #67, Lindsay or the Alzheimer Society Kawartha Lakes would be appreciated. Online condolences may be made at www.mackeys.ca.

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Deaths



Leon 'Chico' Mailman

(Resident of Gooderham, Ontario)



Leon Hanley Mailman of Gooderham, Ontario passed away on Sunday, January 3, 2010 at the Haliburton Hospital. Born in Brooklyn, Nova Scotia, he was the son of The Late Leon and Dorthy Mailman. He was the dear brother of Barbara Selig of Deep Brook, Nova Scotia and Joy Peck of Greenland, Nova Scotia. He was predeceased by three brothers Eugene, Fred and Shirley. He leaves behind many nieces and nephews, who along with many other family and friends, will fondly remember him.

Visitation & Memorial Service

Friends are invited to call at the **ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION BRANCH # 624** 1003 Hwy. #648, Wilberforce, Ontario, on Saturday afternoon, January 16, 2010 from 11:30 a.m. until time of Memorial Service at 12:30 p.m. to share stories about the man we all knew and loved. As expressions of sympathy donations to a charity of your choice would be appreciated by the family. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the **HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME** 13523 Hwy. #118, Haliburton, Ontario (705)457-9209.

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Eleanor Peel

(Resident of Bancroft, Ontario)



At Hospice North Hastings in Bancroft on Saturday December 19, 2009 in her 75th year. Beloved wife of the late Gordon Peel (2004). Companion of George Chimel. Loving mother of Brenda Coty, Judy (John) Schneeburger, Glen Hitch, Gord (Debbie) Peel, Dan Peel, Rebecca (Bob) Mclellan, Debbie (Drew) Allman and Sharon (Dennis) Sylvestre. Fondly remembered by her grandchildren Stephanie, Bridget, Chastity, Denise, Shiloe, Chris, Nicholas, Ernon, Malachi, Harmony, Kevin, Brandon, Vanessa and Alana and by her great grandchildren Olivia, Nathan, Ella, Riley, Matthew and Owen. Dear sister of Roland, Robert, Roger, Mary-Mae, Rita, Rose-Marie and Isabelle. Predeceased by her son David Hitch, and her brothers Clifford and Orville.

Visitation & Memorial Service

Friends were invited to a Memorial Service at the **HIGHLAND GROVE COMMUNITY CENTRE** 5373 Loop Road, Highland Grove, Ontario on Saturday afternoon, January 16, 2009 at 1 o'clock. Interment later Deer Lake Cemetery. As expressions of sympathy, donations to Hospice North Hastings Bancroft would be appreciated by the family. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the **HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME** 13523 Hwy. #118, Haliburton, Ontario (705)457-9209.

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Announcements

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Edna Irene Nichol (nee Giles)

(Resident of Haliburton, Ontario)

Peacefully at Haliburton Hospital on Monday morning, January 4, 2010 in her 79th year. Beloved wife of the late Robert Nichol of 49 years. Loving mother of Robert and his wife Anna Sicoli and Hugh and his wife Stephanie Kuno. Fondly remembered by her grandchildren Andre, Rosanne, Curtis and Thomas. Dear sister of Caroline Shaw, Pauline Lapp, Margaret Armstrong, Shirley Sisson, Stephen (Marilyn) Giles. Predeceased by her two infant sons, her sisters Lois Roberts, Helen Giles and her brother (James) Tidy Giles. Also lovingly remembered by her many nieces and nephews.



Visitation & Funeral Mass

Friends are invited to visit with the family at the **HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME** 13523 Hwy. #118, Haliburton, Ontario (705)457-9209 on Thursday morning, January 7, 2010 from 10 o'clock until time of Funeral Service in the Chapel at 11 o'clock. Interment later Evergreen Cemetery, Haliburton. As expressions of sympathy, donations to the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation (HHHS Foundation) would be appreciated by the family.

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Deaths



Robert "Bob" Barclay

(Retired Etobicoke Board of Education)

Peacefully with his family by his side at Haliburton Hospital on Sunday afternoon, January 3, 2010 in his 83rd year. Beloved husband of Audrey Barclay (nee de Moulpied). Loving father of Andrew and his wife Lesley of Sharon and Jody Barclay and her husband Larry Jacklin of Etobicoke. Fondly remembered by his grandchildren Drew, Kara, Liam, Marshall, Spencer and Turner. Dear brother of May of Montreal, Quebec.

Visitation & Memorial Service

A Private Service was held. As expressions of sympathy donations to the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation would be appreciated by the family. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the **HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME** 13523 Hwy. # 118, Haliburton, Ontario (705)457-9209.

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Erven 'Scotty' Hoxie

(Resident of Haliburton, Ontario)

Peacefully at Extendicare-Haliburton on Sunday evening, January 3, 2010 in his 79th year. Husband of Edith Hoxie (nee Black). Predeceased by parents Elwood Hoxie and Elizabeth MacGillivray - Hoxie - Preston, and his sister Lila Emily Hoxie.



Graveside Service

A Graveside Service will be held at a later date. As expressions of sympathy, donations to the Salvation Army or a charity of your choice would be appreciated by the family. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the **HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME** 13523 Hwy. #118, Haliburton, Ontario (705)457-9209.

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William "Bill" Scott

(Formerly of Toronto, Ontario, Retired Toronto Firefighter)

After a courageous battle with Leukemia and Asbestosis at his home in Haliburton on January 8, 2010 in his 69th year. Beloved husband of Gail Scott (nee Shivas). Loving father of Dale (Stephen) of Toronto, Deanna Cawte of Keswick, Dean (Catharine) of Whitby. Proud Pappa of Emalee, Aubre and Lillian. Dear brother of Carol Scott of Orangeville and sister-in-law Dawn Shivas of Haliburton. Also lovingly remembered by many nieces and nephews.



Visitation & Funeral Service

Friends are invited to call at the **HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME** 13523 Hwy. #118, Haliburton, Ontario (705)457-9209 on Tuesday afternoon, January 12, 2010 from 2-4 & 7-9 p.m. Legion members are asked to assemble at the Funeral Home on Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock for a Memorial Service. A Private Funeral Service will be held. Friends are invited to visit with the family at the **ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION, BRANCH #129** Haliburton, Ontario on Wednesday afternoon, January 13, 2010 at 2 o'clock for a reception and a time to share memories of Bill. As expressions of sympathy, donations to the Dysart Fire Department P.O. Box 389, Haliburton, Ontario K0M 1S0 would be appreciated by the family.

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Announcements

Deaths



CRUIKSHANKS, James Royce - (1930-2009) (Retired Supervisor for Mississauga Transit) Peacefully at Oakville Trafalgar Memorial Hospital on December 29 2009. Beloved husband of Elke. Pre-deceased by his first wife Iva Cruikshanks. Loving brother of Irene (Cec), Pearl (Ivan), Carolyn (Dick), Sherman (Betty-Ann), Frank (Jenette), Gladys (Chris), Laverne-deceased (Eileen), Jimmie-deceased (Eleanor), Irwin-deceased (Thelma), Thelma-deceased (Gord). Loving uncle to 35. Loving great uncle to 24. Loving great great Uncle to 3. Loving brother in law to Helen Kahlke. Loving step-father to William and Betty McHugh, Robert and Marjorie McHugh, Garry and June McHugh. Darlene and Claude Bradimore (both deceased), Stephen Tracy and Ellen Warling, Scott and Nicole Tracy. Loving step-grandfather to Shelley and Mark, Dean and Tandy, Karen and Bill, Meagan and Johnathon, Janice, Scott and Sue, Bruce and Jen, Cathy, Daryl and Christie, William and Lauren, Benjamin and Malcolm. Loving step-great grandfather to Ashley and Mathew, Connor and Cassidy, Bryce, Carter, Amy and Katie, Christie and Allan, Jack. Loving step-great-great-grandfather to Ashley, Preston, Christian and Easton. Royce will also be missed by his friends and golfing buddies in Texas, the tenants at Peter's apartments, his lifelong friends in North York, his co-workers at Mississauga Transit and all the rest of the friends he has made over the years. The family would like to thank the doctors, nurses, pals, physios and geriatrics department at Oakville Trafalgar Hospital - 1 East Medical - for their unending support while Royce was in their care. Cremation has taken place. Interment will be in the spring, in Minden, Ontario. In lieu of flowers, donations to Seniors Life Enhancement Centres (The Gathering Place) 2041 Cliff Road, Mississauga, Ont. L5A-3N8 would be appreciated. Funeral arrangements entrusted to **THE FUNERAL HOME OF SKINNER & MIDDLEBROOK, Mississauga.**

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SELBIE, Aileen (nee Woods) - Passed away peacefully at the Highland Wood Long Term Care, Haliburton on Friday, January 8, 2010. In her 88th year. Beloved wife of the late Thomas Selbie and the late Kenneth Parrington. Dear mother of Carol and her husband Gary Parnell of Haliburton. Raymond and his wife Marilyn of Haliburton, Michael (deceased) and his wife Josephine of Scarborough. Loving gram to Tony, Daniel, Matthew, Michelle, Angela, Rachel and great gram to Ryan, Michael, Victoria, Quinn, and Olivia. Friends are invited to a Memorial Mass at St. Anthony's Catholic Church of Friday, January 15, 2010 at 12:00 noon. Reception and family visitation to follow in the Church Hall. Spring interment Gelert Cemetery. Memorial Donations to the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation (HHHSF) or to St. Anthony's Future Fund or to the charity of your choice would be appreciated and can be arranged through the **GORDON A. MONK FUNERAL HOME LTD.**, 127 Bobcaygeon Rd., P.O. Box 427, Minden, Ontario K0M 2K0 www.gordonmonkfuneralhome.com

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Card of thanks



Thank You Donald J. Sampson 1945-2009

The family of Don Sampson would like to thank all those who extended their condolences to us.

Your prayers, your kind words, and support are very much appreciated by the family. We wish to express our gratitude to those who sent flowers, brought gifts of food, and sent cards of comfort.

A special thanks to John Spence for his quick response and help, to Rev. Ron Mahler for his visit to us at the Minden hospital and to Dwaine and Laurie Lloyd of the Haliburton Community Funeral Home for their kind support.

Many thanks to Barb, Andrea, Monty, and the Alpha groups for their special contributions to Don's Celebration of Life at Bonnie View.

To those who made contributions in memory of Don to the Stuart Baker Tutorial Reading Program, The Ontario Lung Association, or the charity of your choice, we thank you.

Don touched many lives and will be greatly missed.

His family,
Margot, Scott, Jennifer, Ryan and Families.

In memoriam

WITH HEARTFELT THANKS

TIGHE -

The family of the late **Floyd Tighe** wish to extend heartfelt appreciation to relatives, friends and neighbours. Thank you for your expressions of sympathy, flowers, donations and cards. Special thanks to Dr. Hayes and the Haliburton Hospital nursing staff, Rev. Patsy Henry & the ladies of South Wilberforce United Church. Thank you also to Tim Barager and staff of Barager's Funeral Home for their support during this very difficult time.

Marjorie Tighe and Family

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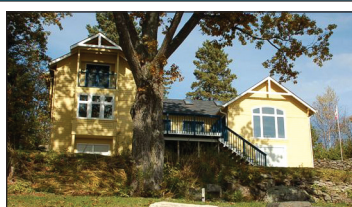
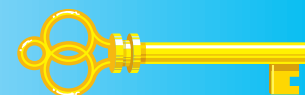
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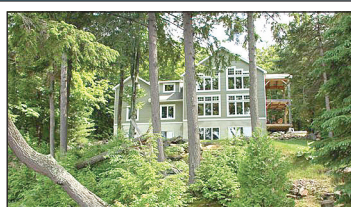
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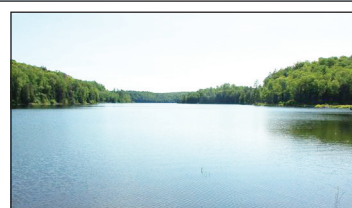
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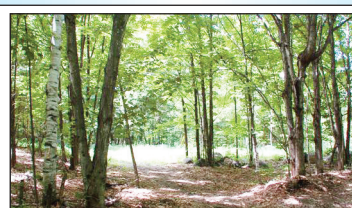
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